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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number: 09/541,795

Filing Date: March 31, 2000

First Named Inventor: James LINK et al.

Group Art Unit: 1624

Examiner: Sudhaker Patel

Attorney Docket Number: 09095.0005

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

### 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

a.  Previously submitted

i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed:

i.  Amendment &/or Reply

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Fees

a.  The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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i.  \$750.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)

ii.  Petition for extension of time for (3 Months) \$930.00

iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$1,680.00 enclosed.

c.  The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

### Signature of Applicant, Attorney, or Agent Required

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Date: March 21, 2003

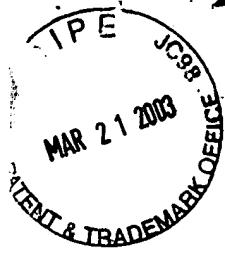
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### SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

In reply to the final Office Action mailed on September 23, 2002, Applicants file herewith a Request for Continued Examination and submit the following arguments in accordance with the submission requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The period for filing this Request for Continued Examination has been extended by the concurrently filed Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time to Monday, March 24, 2003. Thus, this Response is timely filed.

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-60 are pending in this application. No claims have been amended, and no new matter has been added. Claims 2, 24, and 25 have been withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. All claims remain rejected.

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